

# Role of the State Office of Aviation

- Ohio Airport Grant Program
- FAA Grant Program
- Working with FAA on Airport Funding, State Airport System Plan and other Issues
- Ohio Airport Protection Act

# **Background:**

## **Original County Airport Program**

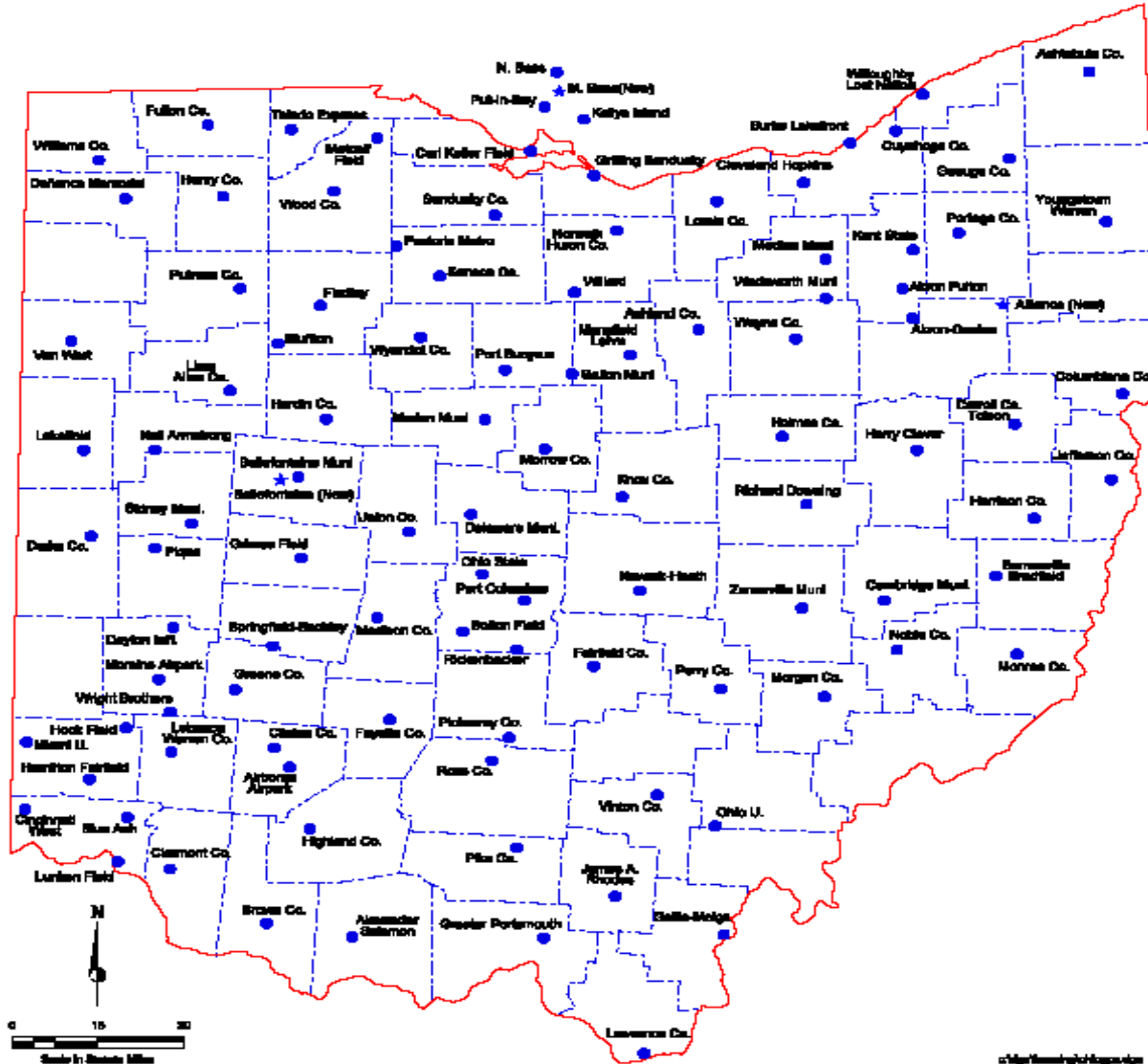
- In the 1960's the original County Airport Program provided a \$100,000 state grant for each county for construction or acquisition of an airport
- Grants could be issued to a county or municipally owned airport
- Result: All but four Ohio counties have at least one publicly owned airport with a paved, lighted runway

# Ohio's Airport System

- 105 Airports
- 10,300 based aircraft
- 4.0 million GA operations
- 585,000 airline operations
- 11.2 million passengers at 6 commercial service airports



# Publicly Owned Ohio Airports



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# Ohio Airport Grant Program

- Pays for 90% pavement maintenance and obstruction removal, including construction engineering (but not design)
- Eligible Airports: 98 publicly owned airports that do **not** receive FAA passenger or air cargo entitlements
- Funding levels have been reduced: Currently about \$600,000 per year – **about four projects**

# Ohio Airport Grant Program

- Funded primarily by aircraft registration fees, some funding from State General Revenue Fund
- Application announcement will be issued March 15, 2012
- Applications will be due May 1, 2012
- Project selections will be announced approximately July 1, 2012

# State Infrastructure Bank

- Funding for airport projects is also available from the State Infrastructure Bank, or SIB
- SIB provides low interest loans that must be repaid
- Applicant must have an identified source of revenue to pay back the loan
- Contact Melinda Lawrence, ODOT State Infrastructure Bank, 614-644-7255, [www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Finance/Pages/StateInfrastructureBank.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Finance/Pages/StateInfrastructureBank.aspx)

# FAA Funding in Ohio, FY2011

- Total for seven airports with scheduled service or air cargo entitlements: **\$66.9 million**

Akron-Canton, Cleveland Hopkins, Dayton Int., Port Columbus, Rickenbacker, Toledo Express, Youngstown-Warren Regional

- Total for 93 General Aviation airports: **\$18.4 million**

Includes Non-Primary Entitlement of \$150,000 per airport per year; can be accumulated for up to four years

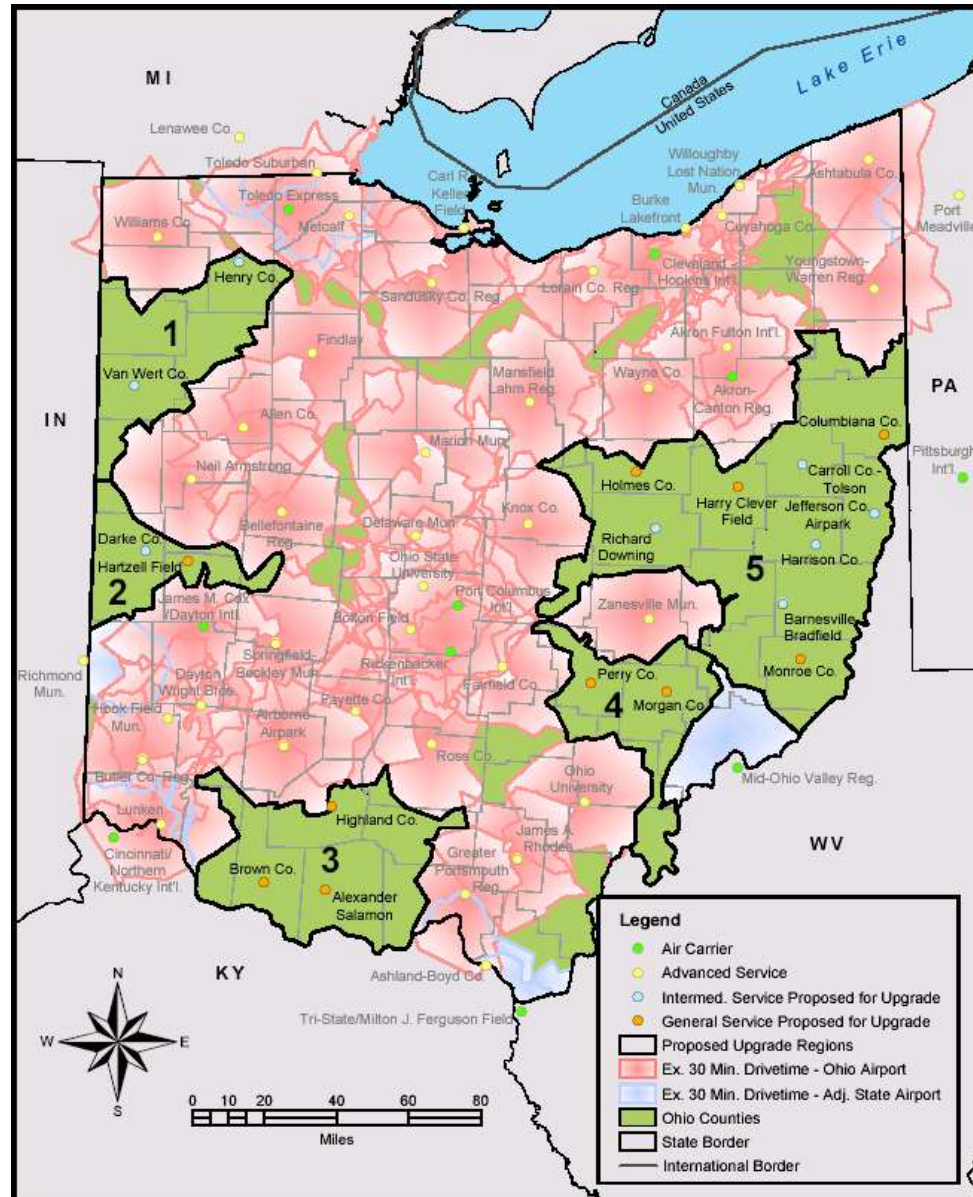
- Grand Total: **\$85.3 million** in FY2011
- Office of Aviation works in concert with FAA on GA funding



# State Airport System Plan

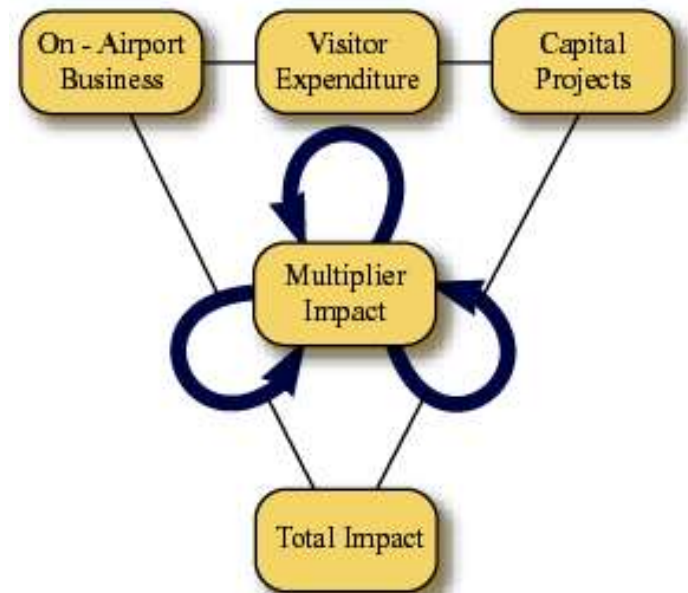
- Will be updated starting Spring, 2012; funded by and prepared in consultation with FAA
- Will identify strengths and weaknesses in the airport system
- Will update economic impact data for all publicly owned airports

# Areas Lacking 5,000' Runways



# Economic Impact Study

- Direct impacts – On-airport
- Indirect impacts – Visitors
- Multiplier impacts



# Estimated Economic Impact of Ohio Airports (existing data)

OHIO AIRPORTS CREATE:			
	Air Carrier Airports	General Aviation Airports	All System Airports
Total Employment	125,500	17,350	142,800
Total Payroll	\$2.7 billion	\$500 million	\$3.2 billion
Total Economic Impact	\$8.8 billion	\$1.7 billion	\$10.5 billion

Data from 2004

# Most Important Business Location Factors (identified in 2006 Ohio Airport System Plan)

- Highway access
- Available labor supply
- Tax incentives
- **Air carrier airport (4<sup>th</sup>)**
- Proximity to suppliers
- **General aviation airport (8<sup>th</sup>)**



# County Airport Zoning

- Counties that received grants under the original County Airport Program were required to enact Airport Zoning under ORC 4563
- As a general rule airport zoning is height zoning only
- The Board of County Commissioners constitutes the Airport Zoning Board
- A list of counties that enacted Airport Zoning is available from the Office of Aviation

# Ohio Airport Protection Act (“Tall Towers” Act)

- Owners of proposed structures that penetrate a 100:1 slope starting at the runway of a public use airport must file a 7460 Form online with FAA at:  
[oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp](https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp)
- Office of Aviation is notified by FAA
- If the proposed structure penetrates the Part 77 surfaces around the airport the proponent must obtain a permit from the Office of Aviation
- Assistance from local government in informing proponents is welcome!
- Contact: John Milling, Office of Aviation, 614-387-2346

# State Regulations and Grant Obligations

- Grant recipients agree to reimburse the state for any grant money in the event that the airport closes
- Airports must register with the state every two years
- Airport Sponsors must maintain a minimum of 1,800' of useable runway
- File FAA Form 7460 as required (see Ohio Airport Protection Act)
- Apply for permit for construction if required under Ohio Airport Protection Act
- Etcetera



# THANK YOU

## Questions?

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